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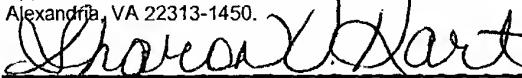
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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED STRAINED SURFACE LAYER AND METHOD OF FORMING A STRAINED SURFACE LAYER IN A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE – Thomas Feudel, Christian Krueger and Lutz Herrmann (2000.106100/DE0107)*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 21-page patent specification with 16 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1a-4c on 4 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet; and
- (5) Submission of Priority Document. Applicants hereby claim, through their attorney of record, priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 and/or § 365 of German Patent Application No. 102 61 307.9, filed December 27, 2002.

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Independent Claims	2 - 3 = 0	x \$42 = \$	or x \$84 = \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)		+ \$140 = \$	or + \$280 = \$ 0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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